

# A Constitution

For a social Library mutually agreed upon  
by us the Underigned

Truly convinced that Public as well as private  
happiness essentially depends on the General diffusion  
of useful Knowledge; and that the easiest and most  
direct way to obtain that Knowledge, is by the free use  
of well chosen Books; we the Subscribers do, therefore  
to purchase & keep for our use and benefit, a social circu-  
lating Library, & do hereby Obligate ourselves to abide by  
the following Articles as constitutional for this society.

1<sup>st</sup> That each member shall pay one dollar per year for  
the space of four years successively, which term of four  
dollars shall entitle the Subscriber to a right in the  
Library.

2<sup>dly</sup> That after the expiration of four years, after dis-  
-tributing each right shall pay annually forever afterwards  
twenty five cents at the annual Meeting or be deprived  
of the benefit of the Library till paid.







3<sup>dly</sup> That each member may purchase as many rights as he pleases, at four dollars Right & have as many Votes in all meetings as he has rights

4<sup>th</sup> That each member may take out as many Books at one time as he has rights and no more, carefully returning them, according to the Articles following

5<sup>th</sup> All Books shall be punctually returned once in three months, Viz. on the first Monday in March, June, September and December, by 3 O'clock P.M. on penalty of paying thirty three cents for each book detained beyond that hour - on refusing to pay that fine, to have the use of his right suspended till paid

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7<sup>th</sup> There shall be an annual meeting of the Proprietors on the first Monday of September at three O'clock P.M. to choose a Librarian and five Directors at least, who shall manage the Prudential affairs of the Library, receive all monies, fines and forfeitures, and lay out the same for the use of the Library, & shall purchase and receive Books and other furniture, And the Librarian shall be accountable to the Proprietors for the whole Library, and shall keep an







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an account always open to the Inspection of the Proprietors of all Furniture, Books, Bibles &c. received for the use of the Library, how and for what expended - & the Librarian shall be an Inhabitant of the town of East Sudbury, with <sup>whom</sup> the Library is to be Deposited -

- 8<sup>th</sup> Each Proprietor shall have Liberty to turn such Books into the Library as he pleases to the amount of his right, or rights, the directors to appraise and receive them, in case they judge them suitable - if the directors refuse them, the major part of the Proprietors present at any meeting, shall determine whether they shall be received or not -
- 9<sup>th</sup> Any Proprietor shall have Liberty of selling his right or rights, when he pleases, but a single right shall not be subdivided; or a Proprietor who does not improve his right may lend or lease it, sending a written certificate of such loan or lease to the Librarian -
- 10<sup>th</sup> If any Book shall be damaged, the Proprietor in whose possession it was, shall make it good, at the direction of the directors; in case of refusal, the Benefit of his right shall be suspended until he does comply -
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East Sudbury	Josiah Bridge	right
April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1796	Nath <sup>l</sup> Reves	1
Daniel Griffin	Joseph Roby	1
Elisha Cutting	Benj <sup>a</sup> Pool	1
Asa S. Bridge	Robert Cutting	1
Calib Hayward	John Flagg	1
Wen <sup>d</sup> Johnson	David Smith	1
Simon Pratt	Edmund Rice Jun <sup>r</sup>	1
	Robert Dotting Jun <sup>r</sup>	1
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by Gail Smith, Sandy Coy and MJ Wright

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WAYLAND LIBRARY

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Books are considered new until one year from the date of their purchase or presentation, and must be returned in one week.

Other books may be kept out four weeks.

CONSTITUTION OF THE

EAST SUDBURY SOCIAL LIBRARY

DATED April 6, 1796

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April 6<sup>th</sup> 1796

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Elisha Cutting – 1  
Aar<sup>n</sup> S. Bridge – 1  
Caleb Hayward – 1  
Eben. Johnson – 1  
Simeon Pratt – 1

right

Daniel Dudley – 1  
Nathan Gleazon – 1  
Tim<sup>o</sup> Harman – 1  
Dan<sup>el</sup> Maynard – 1  
Dav<sup>d</sup> Baldwin – 1  
Micah Maynard – 1  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Heard – 1  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Adams – 1  
E. K. Wolcott – 1  
Josiah Thomas – 1  
John Noyes Jun<sup>r</sup> – 1  
Thomas Rutter – 1

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Joseph Roby – 1  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Pool – 1  
Robert Cutting. Jun<sup>r</sup> – 1  
John Flagg – 1  
David Smith – 1  
Edmund Rice Jun<sup>r</sup>  
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Subscribers to the  
Constitution of the East  
Sudbury Social Library,  
April 6, 1796

Groom's name	Bride's name	Mother's name	Father's name
Griffin, Daniel	Hewes, Sally		
Cutting Elisha	Seager, Hannah		Cutting, Elisha
Cutting Elisha	Plympton, Rebecka		
Cutting Elisha		Seager, Hannah	Cutting, Elisha
Bridge, Aaron		Smith, Martha Allen	Bridge, Josiah Rev.
Hayward, Caleb	Rice, Polly		
Johnson, Ebenezer	Rice, Elizabeth		
Johnson, Ebenezer	Pitman, Abigail	Rice, Elizabeth	Johnson, Ebenezer
Pratt, Simon	Ellis, Mary		
Dudley, Daniel	Vose, Lucy	Farrer, Hannah	Dudley, Daniel
Gleason, Nathan	Whittemore, Rebecca		
Harman, Timothy			
Maynard, Daniel	Steadman, Susanne		
Maynard, Daniel			Maynard, Daniel
Baldwin, David	Curtis, Lydia		
Maynard, Micah	Carter, Abigail	Smith, Abigail	Maynard, Daniel
Heard, Thomas	Coburn, Sarah Heard	Reeves, Elizabeth Heard	Heard, Thomas
Heard, Thomas	Reeves, Elizabeth Heard		
Heard, Thomas	Whatley, Polly		
Adams, Benjamin	Adams, Elizabeth "Bersey"		
Wolcott, E. K.			
Thomas, Josiah	Thomas, Rachel		
Noyes, John Jr. Capt.	Wyman, Jane		
Rutter, Thomas	Heard, Abigail Rutter	Rutter, Mary	Rutter, Joseph
Bridge, Josiah	Morse, Irene		Bridge, Josiah
Reeves, Nathaniel	Hoar, Dorothy		
Roby, Joseph	Curtis, Relief	Moffat, Abigail	Roby, Ebenezer, Jr.







Roby, Joseph Warren	Cummings, Betsey	Swallow, Elizabeth	Roby, Samuel
Pool, Benjamin		Choate, Mehitabel	Pool, Samuel
Cutting, Robert Jr.	Curtis, Jerusha		
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Flagg, John	Curtis, Lucy		
Smith, David	Bruce, Abigail	Bruce, Rebecca	Smith, John, Jr.
Smith, David	Bixby, Sarah		Smith, Joseph
Smith, David	Hammond, Hannah		
Rice, Edmund Jr.	Cutting, Abigail	Smith, Margaret	Rice, Edmund
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Rice, Edmund	Rice, Tamazine		
Cutting, Robert Jr.		Curis, Jurusha	Cutting, Robert
Reeves, Jacob	Robinson, Elizabeth	Ferguson, Abigail	Reeves, Jacob
Briant, Joel	Graves, Hannah		Brianr ZechariahJe. (Zachery)





\*Griffin, Daniel married in Dec. 15, 1796 Sally Hewes in Weston

Cutting, Elisha m) Nov. 1, 1787 Hannah Seager moved to Holliston

or Elisha Cutting 1778-1821 m) Rebeka Plympton 1812 p) Elisha and Hannah Seager

or Elisha Cutting 1754-1833 m) Hannah Seager 1787 Reeds Regiment

Bridge, Aaron Smith 1770-1851 Farmer

Or Aaron Smith Bridge 1770-1851 m) p) Josiah Halkaliah and Martha Allen Smith

Hayward, Caleb m) Polly Rice 1787

Johnson, Ebenezer 1741-1835 m) Elizabeth Rice

Or Ebenezer Johnson 1741-1823 m) Elizabeth Rice 1776

or Johnson, Ebenezer 1767-1841 m) Abigail Pitman

or Ebenezer Johnson 1767- 1841 m) Abigail Pitman 1793 p) Ebenezer & Elizabeth Rice

Pratt, Simeon 1758-1802 b) Medfield, MA m) Mary Ellis d) Wayland

Dudley, Daniel 1758-1804 m) Lucy Vose or Dudley, Daniel 1763-

Or Daniel Dudley ??? 1858-1808 m) Lucy Vose 1787 p) Daniel & Hannah Farrer

Gleazon, Nathan 1763- m) Rebecca Whittemore Nathan Gleason 1763-1810 m) Rebecca Wittemore 1790

Harman, Timothy

Maynard, Daniel 1766-1806 m) Susanna Stedman or Maynard, Daniel 1750-1834 p) Daniel and Abigail

or Maynard, Daniel 1762-1843

Baldwin, David 1758- m) Lydia Curtis

Maynard, Micah 1771-1807 m) Abigail Carter 1896 p) Daniel and Abigail [Smith] Micah Maynard 1771-1834 m) Abigail Carter 1797 d in Waltham p) Daniel and Abigail Smith

Heard, Thomas 1776-1832 m) Sarah Coburn or Heard, Thomas 1710-

or Heard, Thomas 1749-1819 m) Elizabeth Reeves

or Heard, Thomas 1776-1810 m) Polly Whatley

Thomas Heard 1776-1832 m) Sarah Heard Coburn 1804 p) Thomas & Elizabeth Heard Reeves

Adams, Benjamin 1750-1843 m) Elizabeth "Betsey" Adams 1773

Wolcott, E. K. Edward Kitchen Innkeeper for 3 years in East Sudbury; owned a slave, lived in Waltham, Newton, and Brookline

Thomas, Josiah 1741-1807 b. Pembroke MA m) Rachel Thomas

Noyes, John Jr. Capt. 1746-1814 m) Jane Wyman 1768

Rutter, Thomas 1748-1815 m) Abigail Rutter Heard 1773 p) Joseph and Mary

Bridge, Josiah 1785-1827 m) Irene Morse 1806 p) Josiah and Martha

Reeves, Nathaniel 1749-1821 m) Dorothy Hoar 1770

Roby, Joseph Dr. 1770- m) Relief Curtis 1803 p) Dr. Ebenezer Jr. and Abigail [Moffat]





Pool, Benjamin 1770- p) Samuel and Hannah/Mehitable [Choate]

Cutting, Robert Jr. 1744-1820 m) Jerusha Curtis 1767

Or Cutting, Robert 1768- p) Robert and Jerusha [Curtis]

Elizabeth Or Joseph Warren Roby, 1774-1854 m) Betsey Cummings 1800 p) Samuel & Swallow

Flagg, John of Weston? 1762-1816 m) Lucy Curtis of Sudbury 1786

Or Flagg, John, Jr. 1758-1820 b) Upton, MA m) Lucy Curtis 1786

Smith, David 1776-1846 m) Abigail Bruce 1797 p) John Jr. and Rebecca Bruce

Or Smith, David 1759-1817 b) Sudbury, MA m) Sarah Bixby 1781 Barre, MA

p) Joseph and Abigail

Or David Smith of Lincoln? In Wayland 1800, 1759-1817 p) Capt. Joseph and Abigail

Or Smith, David d. 1817 m) Esther Howe, 1790 She was a widow p) Capt. Joseph Smith

Or Smith, David m) Hannah Hammond 1756 Weston

Or Smith, David m) Esther Howe, 1790

Rice, Edmund Jr. 1755-1841 m1) Abigail Cutting 1775 m2) Betsey Seaverns p) Edmund and Margaret [Smith]

Or Rice, Edmund 1725-1796 m) Margaret Smith 1749

Or Rice, Edmund 1735-1810 m) Tamazine Rice 1755

Cutting, Robert Jr. 1768- p) Robert And Jerusha [Curtis] SEE ABOVE

Tilton, John 1774- p) John and Mary [Williams]

Or John Tilton Jr. m) Elizabeth Dunn 1797

1746-1827 m) Mary Williams 1767 p. Joseph and Abigail (Browne)

Reeves, Jacob 1763-1849 m) Elizabeth Robinson 1783 p) Jacob and Abigail [Ferguson] Jacob Reeves 1763-1846 Elizabeth Robinson 1783 p) Jacob and Abigail Ferguson

Briant, Joel 1772-1801 m) Hannah Graves p) Zechariah Jr. and Cherry (Zachery and Charity)

